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TAGS: OTRA (CARTER, JIMMY)

SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH THE KING: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT

1. WHEN I CALLED ON THE KING DECEMBER 19, HE RAISED WITH ME AS THE FIRST TOPIC A POSSIBLE VISIT BY THE PRESIDENT TO SPAIN NEXT YEAR. THE KING SAID HE THOUGHT THAT SUCH A VISIT WOULD BE A TREMENDOUS BOOST TO THE DEMOCRATIZATION PROCESS IN SPAIN. IT WOULD BE TANGIBLE EVIDENCE OF AMERICAN SUPPORT AND PROOF OF THE IMPORTANCE OF BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. THE KING AGAIN SPOKE WITH ENTHUSIASM OF HIS TELEPHONE CONTACTS WITH THE PRESIDENT AND THE GENUINE FRIENDSHIP WHICH HE BELIEVED THE PRESIDENT WAS SHOWING.

2. I TOLD THE KING THAT THE ONLY THING I KNEW ABOUT PRESIDENTIAL TRAVELS NEXT YEAR WAS THE PRESIDENT'S PUBLIC STATEMENT THAT HE WOULD VISIT THE FRG. I DID NOT KNOW WHAT OTHER PLANS THE PRESIDENT MIGHT HAVE, BUT I PROMISED THAT I WOULD REPORT THE KING'S EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN A PRESIDENTIAL VISIT.

3. COMMENT: WHILE I REALIZE THAT THERE WILL BE MANY
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PRESSURES FOR THE PRESIDENT TO STOP IN OTHER EUROPEAN CAPITALS WHEN HE VISITS GERMANY, I HOPE THAT SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO THE POSSIBILITY OF A PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO SPAIN. IT NOW APPEARS AS IF MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS WILL NOT BE HELD UNTIL LATER NEXT YEAR WHILE A REFERENDUM TO APPROVE THE NEW CONSTITUTION WILL PROBABLY NOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL MID-JUNE AT THE EARLIEST.

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